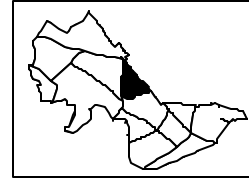


NEIGHBORHOOD 8

AGASSIZ



BOUNDARIES: bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 5,241 residents
1,891 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	3	5	0	13	2
Street Robbery	0	0	1	1	0
Auto Theft	3	5	2	3	4
Larceny from MVs	12	4	6	8	3
Malicious Destruction	8	8	4	2	3
Drug Arrests	0	0	0	1	0

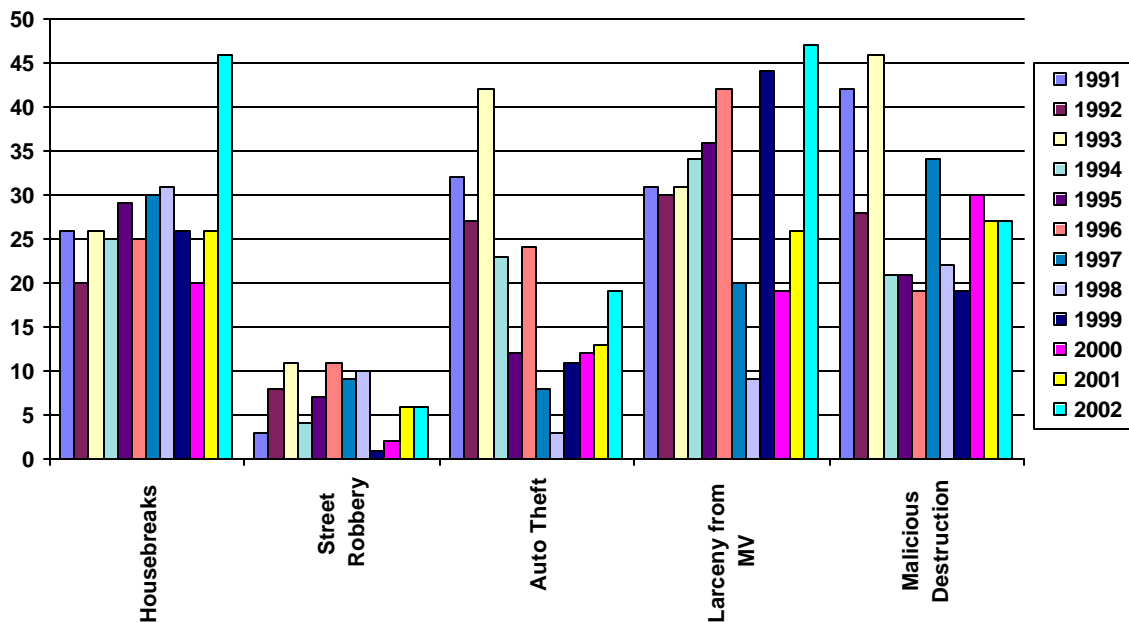
The first quarter for 2003 has been a quiet one for Agassiz, which is typical for this neighborhood. Crimes involving motor vehicles were the most frequent during this time period, although the number of *larceny from motor vehicles* experienced a decrease from last year's activity. The three incidents that occurred were not related since they occurred once in each month; January, February, and March. Three of the four *auto thefts* took place in March, and two were later recovered. The one crime that hit Agassiz hard was the number of *larcenies from buildings*. Eight of these incidents took place at the Bally's Health Club located on Mass Ave. During these scenarios, patrons would work out while a ring of thieves would break into locked lockers and steal wallets, cash and credit cards. These cards would later be used at various retail locations, leaving the victim with the lofty bill. This crime has been present at various other health club locations in the city, and at other locations in the Greater Boston area. The number of *housebreaks* Agassiz experienced plummeted from 13 incidents last year to a minimal two incidents in 2003. Numbers like those registered in 2003 are more likely, as last year's housebreak epidemic was an unpredicted blip in the city's activity. The two breaks that did occur both took place in January on Oxford Street and are not believed to be related, as the incidents occurred at opposite ends of the month. There were no *street robberies* reported this year, as well as no *narcotic* activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average **housebreak** and **larceny from motor vehicle** totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for **street robberies**, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**.
- Juveniles entering the neighborhood from Somerville were suspected in a pattern of **street robberies** in 1996 and 1997; such patterns arise every few years, usually clustered at the intersections of Massachusetts Avenue and Wendell Street or Oxford Avenue and Sacramento Street. These occasional patterns generally occur in the late night on weekends.
- Somerville juveniles have also been associated with occasional tire slashings on Forest Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	67	8	25	10	6
Street Robbery	11	9	6	10	10
Auto Theft	45	12	20	10	9
Larceny from MVs	47	11	30	11	9
Malicious Destruction	45	11	29	10	11

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest